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Staff:

This number of the Hilltop Rumble is dedicated to the Alumni of the Vacaville Union High School.

We are pleased to see that many of the alumni have recently become alive to the fact that this is their school, and that just as we, the present student body, endeavor to perpetuate the best traditions which they have handed down to us, so they who have passed out of the class-room into the larger life of the Community still maintain a lively interest in our welfare.

Their continued interest means much to us, and we welcome their cooperation in all that pertains to the good of the school. We are grateful for their support of our football team, and hope that they will stand by just as loyally when called upon to support our effort to secure a new building.

May the Hilltop Rumble grow. It bridges the gap of thirty years and imbues us with some of that wonderful spirit of enthusiasm displayed by the present student body.

M. Brazelton, '96

Just as a little personal reminiscence, I can easily recall, in fact I never can forget, the first day I spent in Vacaville High. It was my privilege to struggle over the entrance examinations after working four years since leaving grammar school, and missing the last two months in the eighth grade. Being bashful and timid, I was little prepared for the reception which awaited me. A number of the older classmen made what I considered the sad mistake of taking me for a freshman and proceeded to act accordingly.

During the noon period I was suddenly lifted up bodily in the hall way and rushed out on the back stair where both shoes were removed from my feet in spite of my earnest and sincere struggles to prevent it, and I was held there while the shoes were filled with mud and water and carefully placed in the sun to bake.

But mine was the experience unique! Although I was too green to know the difference and to act for my own protection, someone was kind enough to inform his fellow colleagues in crime that I was actually yet too green to be picked as I had not even developed to the freshman state, since I was merely trying to pass the examinations for entrance. So I was permitted to go free and to enjoy the extreme pleasure of receiving the apologies of all concerned while watching them remove the mud and water from my footers.

Walter W. Stark, '14

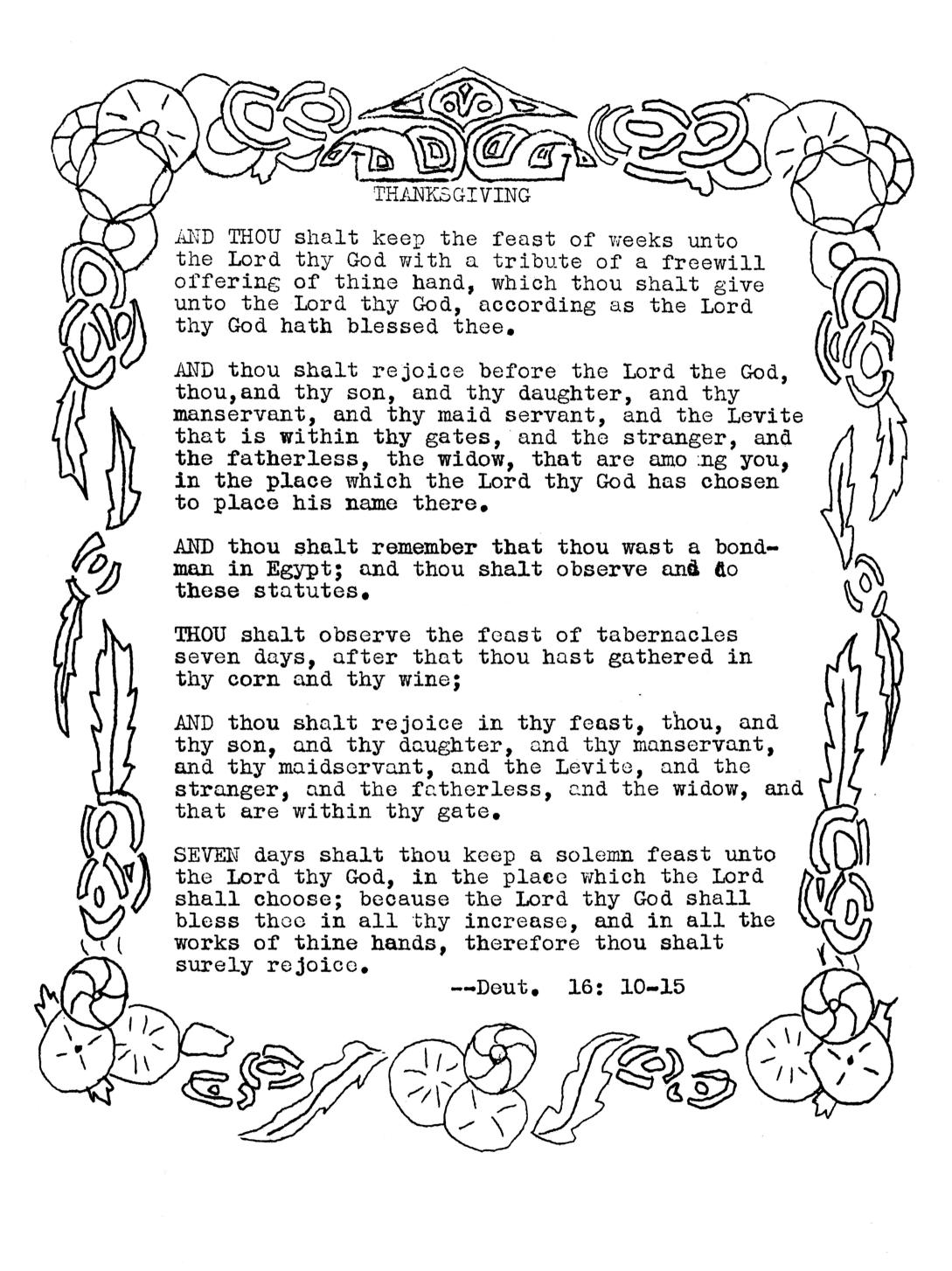
My Opinion of Vacaville's Athletics

Now that I have graduated lo these many years ago from this school, I may be able to voice my opinion of Vacaville's stand in athletics in comparison with other schools. As most of you readers know, I was always greatly interested in our school sports and still am, for that matter.

We lost perhaps more games than we won, as far as the scores showed, which was the main thing to the spectators. But we won every game we played! Why? Because we never resorted to sneaky playing, dirty tricks, cheating, or the flock of other dirt that could be put into operation. We were often tempted to do so, but we remembered in each case that the coaches had always said that it was better to play fair and lose than to play dirty and win. I do not wish to imply that every school did play unfairly, but simply to state that we tried to play right.

From all I can see, that is still the spirit of this school, and I dare say in most others. School athletics are for preparation for the after years of life and for creating the interest of the students. Athletics only for a championship injures the place that the activities should hold.

Howard Burton, 124.



EWEMTS

Ayako Yoshimura, '31, is leaving for Japan next month for a pleasure trip. She will stay there through the winter, and we hope she will be back with us next summer.

Good luck, and bon voyage!

Did you know:

Before the present high school was built, a tiny, home-like cottage on a quiet side street with the partitions knocked out with views into neighboring homes for variation, was the home of Vaca Hi?

A rally was held on October 22, 1914, before the Dixon game? The San Francisco Chronicle had a write up about our coming Thanksgiving Day game in one of their papers last week?

The present school building was built in 1897?

Vaca Hi now has eleven Japanese students in attendance?
There were 92 A's earned the first six weeks of school of this year, and 110 the second?

Three hundred and eighty-nine students have been graduated from this high school?

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The Editorial Staff announces the addition of Ella Sweaney to the staff, in the capacity of Art Editor.

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The Junior Class plays will be given in the Clark Theater on the evening of December 16, under the direction of Miss Kathryn Switzler. The titles of the plays have not yet been announced.

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Anne and Nelle Evanikoff and Lucille Collins won tyring awards this past month, writing from 40-50 words per minute.

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Don't forget the game on Thanksgiving Day. Football rules from 1898 to 1927 in force!

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Nettie Brannaman, former student of Vacaville High School, was here for a short visit yesterday.

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Meet you at the game Thursday!

RUMBLES OF THE PAST

Remember:

When co-eds were not flappers but dignified young ladies with eighteen inch waists, skirts to the ground and all of three yards around, were long hair and pompadeurs carefully combed over "rats," the larger the better.

When the boys were peg top trousers and broad shouldered, heavily padded coats and looked like young pugilists.

When we had field days, at which the best athletes from all over the county met to compete in the various track events. The events began on a Saturday morning and lasted all day and the winners were awarded gold, silver, or bronze medals.

When "Red" Weldon (Alvin) entered four events, which was all a boy was allowed to enter, and broke the record for all of them.

When the Student Body had a program every month at which the Ulatis was read and the best talent displayed.

When Eddie Cox was president of the Student Body and had to preside at a meeting, but as the hour approached was so over come by bashfulness that he hid in the basement behind the woodpile and Barbara Reid had to preside.

When a naughty boy hung a bucket of water over the boy's basement door and then created such a disturbance that Prof. Neilson had to investigate and received an unexpected shower bath.

When Fidelia Hagerty slid down the bannisters from the top floor and landed with a graceful bow to the Latin class and how, as a consequence, the assembly was given a lecture on our lack of dignity.

When Albert ("Frisco") Webber made the thrilling but unsuccessful attempt to a non-stop flight in a wheel barrow down the east stair way. Frisco completed the distance in the record time of two seconds flat, but the wheelbarrow did not arrive for at least a second later.

When Grover Heffelfinger chewed tobacco in school and used his ink well for a cuspidor.

When Harry Condon, our commercial Dept. teacher, upon hearing of direful threats of some of his husky pupils, announced in class, for the benefit of those it might concern, that he would be behind the barn at 3:30. Rain checks were given out at 4 p.m. as aside from Mr. Condon the balance there were spectators only.

When we were all so proud of our modern, up-to-date High School building.

Vaca Hi was first established in 1893. Since then it has become a family tradition to attend it. Here are the students in high school now who have had relatives who attended or graduated from our high school in the past:

Adiego, Fred Alonzo, Darwin Altieri, Sammie Bassford, Edward Baynes, James Brazelton, Donald Burton, Lawrence Burton, Howard Caliguiri, Rachel Carlo, Anne Caughy, Dorothy Caughy, James Costello, Robert Danielson, Herbert Davis, Lloyd De Fillippi, Forence Easton, Blake Fernald, Lillian Fruhling, Dorothy Gaffney, Kenneth Gates, Eleanor

Gates, Georgiabel Gates, Roberta Gray, Leroy Hargis, Cocil Hewitt, Louise Johnson, Howard Johnson, Velma Kunkel, Clair Kunkel, Leroy McMillan, Olive B. Mayeda, Mary Mayeda, Vera Mohr, Louis Moore, Lawrence Moore, Louis Moore, Marjorie Nay, Eleth Nelson, Clara Newton, James Parker, Norma Pederson, Earl

Penaluna, Clyde Penaluna, Frank Peabody, Ernestine Peabody, Norma Rago, Henry Ream, Anita Rogers, Howard Rutherford, Bennelle Schroeder, Henry Smith, Dallis Starrat, Marion Stevenson, Norman Stevenson, Albert Sullivan, Eddie Sweaney, Ella Sweaney, Ruth Trower, Effic Viera, Lillian Vine, Ione Vine, Kenneth Woods, Elmer Wren, Thelma

Meet you at the Alumni game Thursday, November 24.

A rally was held on the High School grounds, Thursday, November 17, which turned out to be a great success.

Speeches were given by the following people: Robert Gates, who lighted the great fire, Mayor Gray, Mr. Stoddard, Capt. Leroy Gray, Mr. Bejach, Mr. Palmer, Paul Chandler, Coach McQuaid, Dr. McNeil, and Dorothy Caughy. Stunts were given by the classes. The Senior's stunt was the carrying of a coffin around the fire and predicting Dixon's future habitation. The solitary figure on top of the fire was an effigy of Dixon, joyously burned as the fire progressed. The Juniors made a large "V" by lighted torches stuck in the ground. The Sophomore fete consisted of skinning the snake, building a pyramid, and spelling "Vaca Hi." The Freshmen brough in Dixon's goat. The party broke up after forming a sorpentine around the fire, the Freshmen remaining to quench the fire and clean up for the game the following day.

The following attended the Big Game Saturday, Nov. 19: Dorothy Caughy, Miss Switzler, Miss Bass, Albert Stevenson, Leroy Gray

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Evelyn's First Thanksgiving

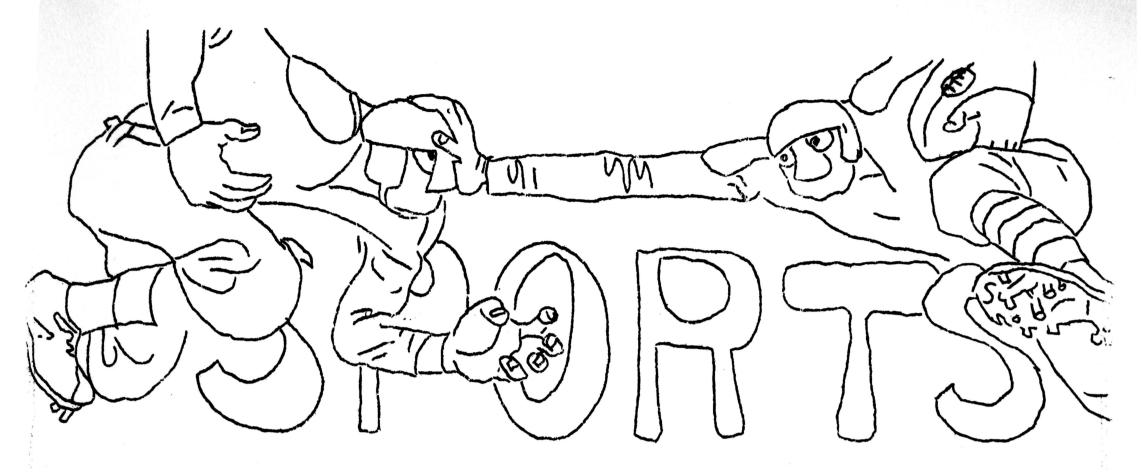
Evelyn Basettie had come to America with her mother and father when she was nine years old. The Basetties had come on the Olympic in 1913.

Six month's after their arrival, Evelyn heard some of her friends talking about the coming "festa", Thanksgiving Day. She asked why they called it Thanksgiving and they told her that this was the day on which the Americans gave thanks to God for a bountiful and prosperous year.

One day after hearing this conversation she asked her father if they could celebrate like the Americans. Finally he decided to do as the Americans did by buying a large pumpkin, turkey, and other good things to eat. Mrs. Basettie had to bake the pumpkin pie, and this was the first time she had ever attempted to make one. It was unknown to the Italian people, but it was an essential thing for the Americans. The result was a delicious golden pie which she proudly bore to the table. The big stuffed turkey held the center of the table, with all sorts of things to eat on all sides of it.

Evelyn's most memorable Thanksgiving was the first one, when she sat down to their Thanksgiving dinner, bent on celebrating like the Americans. The spirit of the day held with her till it seemed that she had not come over on the Olympic in 1913, but on the Mayflower in 1620.

Marie Filardo '29



Dixon at Dixon

The Vaca Hi Gridders journeyed to Dixon Friday, November 4, and engaged in a thrilling grid battle with the Dixon Hi team. The Vacaville boys, although outweighed about 15 pounds to the man, put up a great battle. They held the heavy Dixon line and were in there fighting every minute.

The Vacaville backfield deserves lots of credit, for James Zupo got off some beautiful punts and gained consistently thru the heavy Dixon line. Capt. Gray got away for a seventy yard run and played a good game. Kunkel called the plays like a veteran. Little Eddie Sullivan should be given mention for he gained continually on end runs. James Newton, the star tackle, was hurt in the first play and had to leave the game. Lloyd Davis went in for Newton and played a strong game. He broke through and held the Dixon ball carriers for no gains numerous times, as did Wagner. Dixon scored first in the third quarter on a 60-yard run by their quarter back. They failed to convert.

The two teams battled the biggest part of the fourth quarter in mid field. L. Mohr, the old reliable, entered the game with but a mere half minute to play. Vacaville threw two incomplete passes. L. Kunkel completed a pass to L. Mohr, ran 25 yards to a touch down to tie the score. Zupo failed to convert.

The Scoreless Game with Armijo

Vacaville tied Armijo in one of the most thrilling games ever witnessed on the Armijo field, November 10.

They were determined to do or die and made good their threat by holding the experienced Armijo team on the two foot line for a down. Davis did most of the smearing. Zupo's punting was our best defensive threat as he kicked out of danger every time. He was the individual star of the game, playing very consistently throughout. In the last few seconds he intercepted a pass and ran 50 yards, only to be stopped on the 15 yard line.

The Alumni Game for Thanksgiving Day

On Thanksgiving Day, November 24, will occur one of the best and most thrilling games of the season, when the High Gridders tangle with the Alumni team on the high school field. Then the fans will be able to witness a REAL game.

The Alumni team will be made up of men who were stars in their high school days. They are planning to display a smart brand of football, and show their younger opponents how the game used to be played, or ought to be played now. The line-up for the kick-off will be:

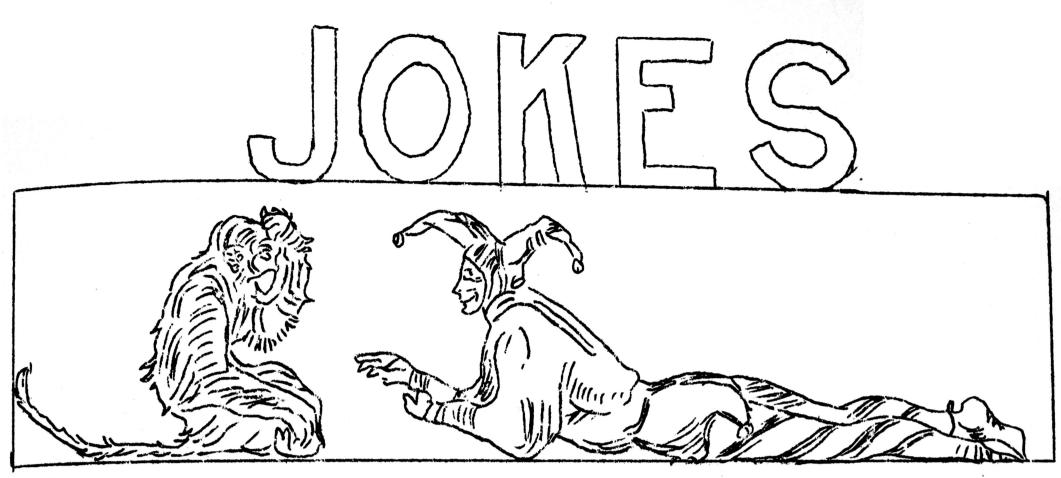
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The Alumni is lining up the following subs: P. Bassford, C. White, D. Mo wers, D. Duncan, L. G ates, B. Newell, G. Meldrun, M. Dalley, H. Meschendorff, G. Pardi. We are gambling on their needing them, every one, plus a few more, and an ambulance with a doctor or two in attendance. They state that they are expecting to win this game and have planned some real plays to do it by. With a pair of fast ends like Cox and Gray, our safety men will be forced to do their fastest and most skillful running to elude them. They will have two fast men in the backfield, and our ends will find their territory hard to cover. The Alumni team averages 184 pounds, and the Hi team 155, so we admit they will have the advantage of us in weight.

Captain Ralla Gray will be playing against his son, Leroy Gray, Captain of the High team, trying to out wit him at every turn. We are betting on the Hi Captain. Paul Chandler, the plunging full back, expects to tear our line in two. E. Bassford is to be at center for the Alumni---enough said. Elmer Burton and A. Stevenson will furnish plenty of speed for the Alumni guards. The tackles of our worthy opponents will give our line and back field plenty of trouble.

The high school boys will be forced to put forth their best if they expect to stem this flood of hoary weights. We are exp ecting to see every kind of play from the modern triple reverse to off tackle to the old hidden ball plays.

Come out and root for Vaca Hi! Remember it will be the last game for many of our boys. Show them you are back of them! Come on, High School, let's go!



Mr. Stoddard had written on the back of Albert S's paper, "Tlease write more legibly." The next day Albert went to the desk and asked: "Mr. Stoddard, what is that you wrote on my paper?"

Willis H.: "May I hold your hand?"

Laura F.: "Of course not! This isn't Palm Sunday." Willis H.: "Well, it isn't Independence Day either." --1924 Ulatis

Where are they now:

- -Henry Dresser Clyde Phillips -Gaynl Duncan - - - - - Morris Dally Mildred Clark- - - - - Henry Meschendorf Dorothy March - - - - Freedom Penaluna - - - - Sherman Bassford

Mary Phillips -

"Roberta, do you know that when Lindy was making his John T.: flight all the bolts and nuts in his plane came loose?"

"Why no, how did the plane stay together until he got Roberta:

to Paris?"

"Well, when he flew over Scotland all the bolts and John T.:

nuts tightened up."

Am I a little pale? Harry Chandler: No, you're a big tub. Donald Crystal:

--1916 Ulatis

Mr. Bejach; who is angry (catching Robert C. by the collar): "I believe the Devil has got hold of you." Robert C.: "I believe he has, too."

Miss Jones: "Order please." Elmer W.: "Hot dog."

Mrs. Nelson: "We borrowed our numerals from the Arabs, our calender from the Romans, and our banking from the Ital-

ians. Can anyone think of any more examples?"

Henry Rago: "Our lawn mower from the Smith's, our spade from the

Jonses, and our baby buggy from the Browns."

Mr. Caughy: "Does my boy show any special aptitude for work?"
Mr. Stoddard: "I think so, Mr. Caughy. I am not sure yet
whether your son will make a sculptor or a baseball
player. He is unering in his aim with paper wads,
but the condition of his desk top convinces me he
can carve with considerable facility."

Boss: "Well, did you read that letter I sent you?"
Lloyd D.: "Yes, sir. I read it inside and outside. On the inside it said, 'You're fired,' and on the outside it said, 'Return in five days' so here I am."

Moast awl hour lives weev herd it sed
That 2 and 2 maks foar:
But late at nite 2 pears of Kats
Kan yel like ate, or moar.

Jessie C. (at piano): "Morman, I hear you are very fond of good music."

Norman A.: "I am, but then, you needn't stop playing."

--1915 Ulatis

Bill Wagner: "Have you heard the latest Ford joke?" Miss Switzler: "Have I? Why, say, I own it."

Donald B. had been absent from school for some time, and on his return to history, Mrs. Nelson asked: "When were you here last, Donald?" "When we murdered Edward 11, he answered.

Miss Wagner: "Why were you late Louis?"
Louis M.: "Because the bell rang before I got here."





